

Senator Chris Van Hollen



Elected to the United States Senate by the people of Maryland in November 2016, **Chris Van Hollen** is committed to fighting every day to ensure that our state and our country live up to their full promise of equal rights, equal justice, and equal opportunity.

Senator Van Hollen believes that every child deserves the opportunity to pursue their dreams and benefit from a quality education, and that anyone willing to work hard should be able to find a good job. That's why his top priorities include creating more and better jobs, strengthening small businesses, and increasing educational and job training opportunities for individuals of all ages and in every community.

Senator Van Hollen started his time in public service as a member of the Maryland State Legislature, where he became known as a tenacious advocate for everyday Marylanders and someone who was unafraid to take on powerful special interests on behalf of working people. In 2002, he was elected to represent Maryland's 8th Congressional District. In the House of Representatives, he served as a member of the Democratic leadership and was elected by his colleagues to be the Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee and protect vital interests like Social Security and Medicare.

A tireless fighter for the people of Maryland, Senator Van Hollen has also become known for working hard to find

common sense solutions to difficult national issues. In January 2015, he released a comprehensive plan to address the problem of growing inequality in America and provide a blueprint for building an economy that works for everyone — a goal that he will continue to fight for in the U.S. Senate.

Senator Van Hollen is proud to have worked successfully with members of both parties to pass bipartisan legislation whenever possible on issues of common concern, including expanding medical research, protecting the Chesapeake Bay, fighting childhood cancer, and passing the ABLE Act to assist families with children with disabilities.

Chris Van Hollen is a graduate of Swarthmore College, the John F. Kennedy School of Public Policy at Harvard University, and Georgetown University Law Center where he attended night school. He and his wife, Katherine Wilkens, are the proud parents of three children, Anna (26), Nicholas (25), and Alexander (21).

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Congressman John Delaney

Congressman John Delaney was elected in 2012 to serve Maryland's Sixth District, which

encompasses portions of the Washington D.C. suburbs of Montgomery and Frederick Counties and all of Washington, Allegany, and Garrett Counties. Delaney is the only former CEO of a publicly traded company serving in the House of Representatives, having done that twice, and brings to Washington an extensive experience as a successful entrepreneur and as a private sector and non-profit leader.

As the son of a union electrician, John grew up in a blue collar household. Scholarships from his father's union (IBEW Local 164), the American Legion, VFW, and the Lion's Club, allowed John to attend college. John is a graduate of Columbia University and Georgetown University Law Center. A business builder, Delaney founded two New York Stock Exchange listed companies before the age of 40, and is a past winner of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

John spent his business career starting and running successful companies and helping small businesses grow. John's companies were both founded in Maryland, CapitalSource, which Delaney launched in 2000 and became a public company in 2003, lent money to thousands of small businesses around the country and has been recognized by the Treasury Department for lending to disadvantaged communities while also receiving numerous awards as one of the best places to work in the Washington D.C. region. John is Chairman Emeritus of CapitalSource. Prior to CapitalSource, he founded HealthCare Financial Partners, a successful company that was started in 1993 and became a public company in 1996.

John and his wife April McClain-Delaney have made community service a priority, especially in the field of education, the provision of core services, and issues effecting children. They are generous supporters of the public interest law initiatives at Georgetown University Law Center, where they endowed the Delaney Family Professorship in Public Interest Law and have funded significant scholarships for student's interest in public service. John is a member of the Board of Directors of Georgetown University and the National Symphony Orchestra, was the past Chairman of the Board at St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School and was a past member of the Board of Directors for the International Center for Research on Women.

April is an attorney and an education and children's advocate in the non-profit sector. April currently serves as the Washington Director for Common Sense Media, a non-profit dedicated to educating families on social media, technology, and digital literacy. The Delaneys are members of the Little Flower Catholic Church in Bethesda, Maryland, and have been longtime supporters of Catholic Charities. John and April have four daughters and live in Montgomery County.

Congressman Delaney's primary focus in office is to restore our nation's economic competitiveness so that we can have a strong middle class, raise our standard of living, and expand the number of good jobs available to Americans. In 2011, Delaney founded Blueprint Maryland, a non-profit dedicated to invigorating Maryland's private sector. Blueprint Maryland gathered businesspeople, educators, labor representatives, and policy experts together to chart a way towards a high-tech, high-information, economy.

Congressman Jamie Raskin



Congressman Jamie Raskin proudly represents Maryland's 8th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. The district includes parts of Montgomery, Carroll, and Frederick Counties. Raskin was sworn in to the 115th Congress on January 3, 2017.

Congressman Raskin currently serves on the House Judiciary Committee, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, and the Committee on House Administration. He is also the Freshman Representative on the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, the Congressional Progressive Caucus Vice Chair and Liaison to New Members, and a Senior Whip for the House Democratic Caucus.

For more than 25 years, Congressman Raskin has been a professor of constitutional law at American University's Washington College of Law. He authored several books, including the

Washington Post best-seller *Overruling Democracy: The Supreme Court*

versus the American People and the highly-acclaimed *We the Students: Supreme Court Cases For and About America's Students*, which has sold more than 50,000 copies.

Prior to his time in Congress, Jamie was a three-term State Senator in Maryland, where he also served as the Senate Majority Whip. He quickly earned a reputation for building coalitions in Annapolis, and delivered a series of landmark legislative accomplishments.

Congressman Raskin is a graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Law School. He and his wife, Sarah Bloom Raskin, live in Takoma Park with their two dogs, Zola and Potter. They have three children: Tabitha, Tommy, and Hannah.

Congressman John Sarbanes



Congressman John Sarbanes has represented Maryland's Third Congressional District – which spans portions of Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Howard County and Montgomery County – in the U.S. Congress since 2007. He currently serves on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, in addition to the Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.

Born and raised in Baltimore, Congressman Sarbanes has experience working in the private, public and nonprofit sectors. He and his family live in Towson, giving him the opportunity to drive home every night and hear from people he serves in Congress. Listening to their concerns allows him to better represent Maryland and has shaped his work in the House of Representatives.

Congressman Sarbanes is committed to reducing the influence of the wealthy and well-connected in politics. To this end, he has authored the Government By the People Act, which aims to empower everyday Americans by elevating their voices in Congress with a tax credit and matching fund.

As a Marylander, Congressman Sarbanes shares his state's strong tradition of environmentalism that is rooted in a passion for the Chesapeake Bay. He has led efforts in Congress to clean up the Chesapeake Bay with a particular focus on empowering residents of the Bay watershed to become citizen stewards of the Bay and give them an active role in restoring it. He has also worked to expand environmental education opportunities for children, authoring the No Child Left Inside Act to promote healthier children and communities.

Congressman Sarbanes has fought to expand higher education opportunities through financial assistance programs like the Pell Grant and has authored laws to help students repay their college loans after they graduate. In this effort, Congressman Sarbanes wrote a law to create the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Option, which provides graduates with forgiveness of remaining student loan debt after 10 years of work in public service or the non-profit sector. The new law helps teachers, nurses, first responders and other public servants pay for college. It allows more people to follow their

dreams in careers that are important and rewarding, but not always particularly lucrative.

As part of the development and implementation of health care policy, Congressman Sarbanes has focused on ensuring there are enough doctors and nurses to provide quality care for all Americans. He has helped create new laws that address health care workforce shortages, especially in primary care, and has strengthened programs for physician scholarships, loan forgiveness and residency training.

Before coming to Congress, Congressman Sarbanes served for seven years with the Maryland State Superintendent as liaison to the Baltimore City Public Schools, working to make Maryland's public school system one of the best in the nation. Prior to his work for Baltimore City Public Schools, Congressman Sarbanes practiced law for eighteen years at Venable LLP. There, he led the firm's health care practice for six years, representing nonprofit hospitals and senior living providers in their mission to deliver high-quality health care to the people of Maryland. At Venable, Congressman Sarbanes also worked with public interest organizations in Maryland, like the Public Justice Center, where he championed efforts to protect consumers, provide decent public housing and ensure fair treatment in the workplace.

Congressman Sarbanes graduated from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University and studied law and politics in Greece on a Fulbright Scholarship. After graduating from Harvard Law School, he returned to Baltimore, where he clerked for Judge J. Frederick Motz on the federal district court and the following year began his law practice at Venable.

Since childhood, Congressman Sarbanes has attended the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation in Baltimore and he has also been active with his wife and children in the Bolton Street Synagogue. For more than twenty years, he has served as a board member of the Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies, which seeks to promote understanding and dialogue among people of different religious faiths.